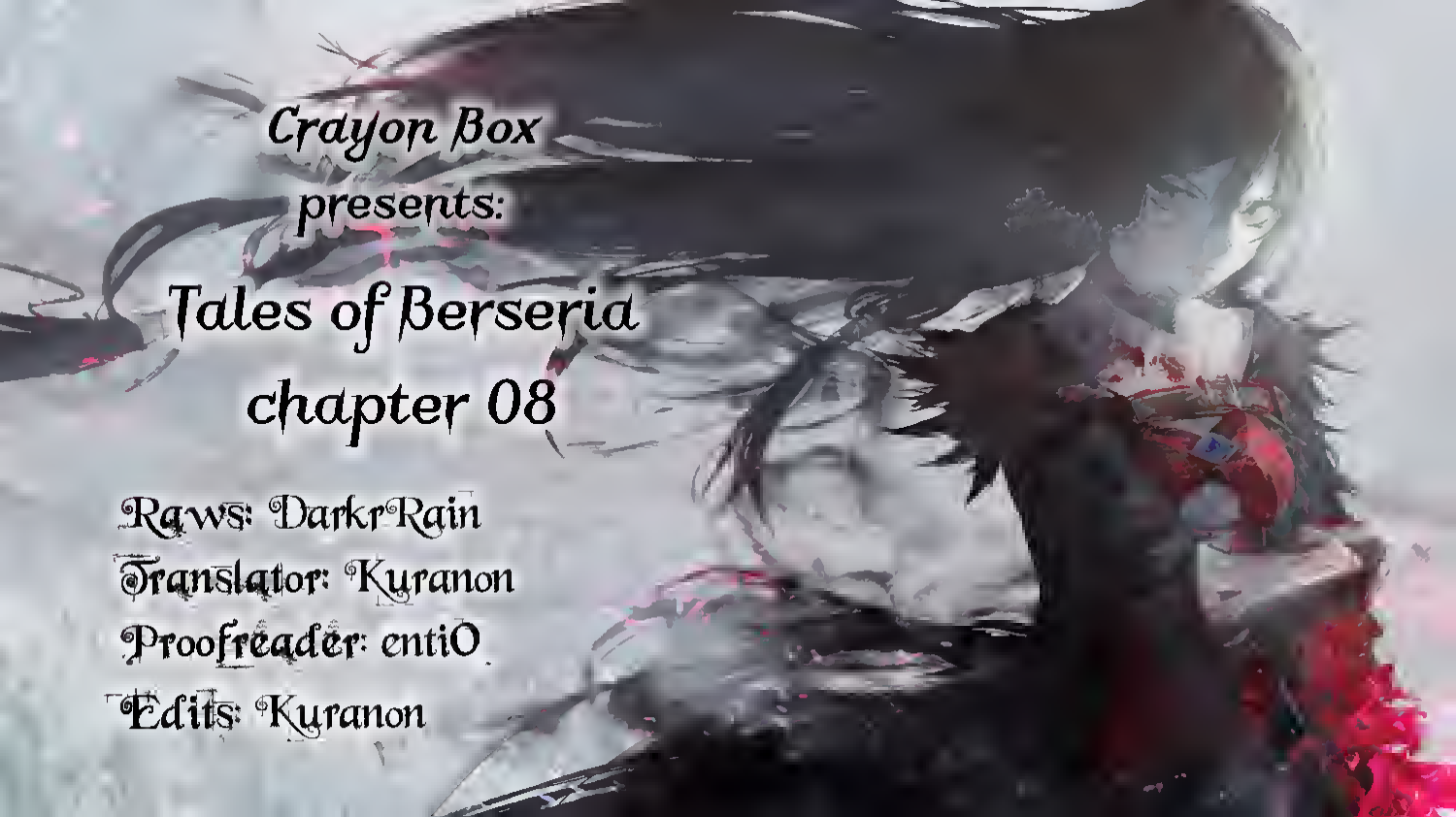
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STORY

A world threatened by daemons. Velvet lived with her brother Laphicet in a border village. But Artorius, her brother-in-law and exorcist, completed the ritual that would change the reason of the world by sacrificing Laphicet's life. After escaping from prison and finding a new ship, Velvet now arrives at the Royal Capital where Artorius is

MAGILOU?
I SHOULD GET GOIN' ♪ IT'S A SAD, SAD DEPARTURE, BUT THERE'S SOMETHIN' I'M SEARCHIN' FOR...
WELL THEN,
.....
ALRIGHT! I'LL BE PRAYIN' SO YOU REACH YOUR GOAL THROUGH GREATS PAINS AND AGONY! ♪
THERE SHE GOES AGAIN...
LET HER DO WHAT SHE WANTS.
THE SHEP-HERD ARTO-RIUS...
SO, HE'S THE ONE YOU'RE AFTER.
YEAH.

A SHADOW GUILD...
THERE'S A SHADOW GUILD AIFREAD HELPED NEARBY. THEY MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING.
THE MAN WHO SAVED THE MIDGAND EMPIRE FROM POVERTY AND FROM THE DAEMON'S CLAWS, AND A HERO WHO EARNED A TREMENDOUS SUPPORT FROM THE PEOPLE... SOMEONE LIKE THAT WON'T BE EASY TO DEAL WITH.
YEAH... MY CONTACT IS SOMEONE NAMED BASKERVILLE, WHO RUNS A TAVERN IN THE CAPITAL...
SFX: GRUMBLE GRUMBLE
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HAHAHA! GOT HUNGRY, LAPHICET?
わしっ
I'M...
I'M SORRY...
Awawa
...WE SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THAT FIRST, RIGHT?
EIZEN, TAKE US THERE PLEASE...

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THIS IS THE ARM
THAT BRINGS REVENGE...
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Heeere!
OUR SPECIAL MABO CURRY!
Chew it properly!
WAAH! IT LOOKS DELICIOUS!
I REALLY CAN'T TASTE IT...
Hey...
WE HEARD IT WAS A SHADOW GUILD, BUT IT LOOKS JUST LIKE YOUR USUAL TAVERN.
YES, IT DOES.
YOU GET ALONG WELL. ARE YOU SIBLINGS?
Hey hey
NO, WE...

No, you wouldn't be.
Your little brother was killed, wasn't he...
!!?
WHAT DID YOU...
THE BLOODWING BUTTERFLIES SHADOW GUILD... THE LIGHT THAT MOVES SECRETLY IN THE SHADOWS, AND HAS KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE WORLD THAT SURROUNDS IT...
WHERE'S BASKERVILLE?

THAT MAN WAS EXECUTED BY THE ABBEY A LONG TIME AGO.
I'LL BE YOUR CONTACT NOW.
HOW CAN I HELP YOU?
FU FU ...
YOUR SUSPICION IS MOST NATURAL.
IS THE SHADOW GUILD'S...
THIS OLD WOMAN...
WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW...
WOULD BE WHAT SHEPHERD ARTORIUS IS PLANNING... IS THAT CORRECT...?

I'M SORRY. DO NOT BE ANGRY.
THE BLOODWING BUTTERFLIES ARE CLOSE TO THOSE WHO SHY AWAY FROM THE LIGHT.
HOW DO YOU...
HOWEVER ...
YES. OF COURSE.
SO YOU KNOW.
I WANT YOU TO SHOW ME... HOW DETERMINED YOU ARE.
ALL THESE JOBS ARE ILLEGAL. IF YOU MANAGE TO COMPLETE THEM SUCCESSFULLY, THE INFORMATION WILL BE YOURS.

A PASS IN THE NAME OF "MAGILOU'S MAGIC TROUPE"...
THEY REALLY DO KEEP AN EYE ON EVERY-THING...
...I UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU'RE CAPABLE OF.
IF I COMPLETE THESE TASKS, YOU'LL TELL ME ABOUT ARTORIUS. IS THAT IT?
YES...
BUT THOSE MIGHT GET A LITTLE DANGER-OUS...
OUR INN IS QUITE MODEST, BUT YOU'RE WELCOME TO STAY THE NIGHT.
YOU MUST BE TIRED FROM SUCH A LONG JOURNEY. MAKE YOUR-SELVES AT EASE.

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I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THIS, BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RELY ON THEM FOR NOW...
A-SHADOW GUILD AIFREAD HELPED..
I WILL HUNT YOU DOWN...
ARTORIUS...

I SEE. THE MISSING CAPTAIN AIFREAD...
GOD
THERE WAS A PENDULUM ON THE GROUND IN THE LAST PLACE HE WAS SEEN...
PLEASE DO SO.
IF SOMETHING COMES UP ABOUT THAT MATTER, WE'LL MAKE SURE IT REACHES YOU.
YES, WE OWE HIM A FAVOUR.
I COULD BE THE ONE ASKING THAT. WHY ARE YOU WITH VELVET?
Want some?
YOU SEEM TO HAVE YOUR HANDS FULL. SHOULD YOU REALLY BE WALKING WITH US?

HM? I HAVE A DEBT TO REPAY.
SHE HELPED ME FIND MY SWORD.
A daemon with a debt to repay? Don't make me laugh.
A MALAK PLAYING PIRATE IS ALSO A GOOD JOKE, RIGHT?
Ugh...
...

AND ROGUES EITHER JOIN WITH OTHERS OR REBEL THEMSELVES AND BECOME MONSTERS.
TAP
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, WE'RE BOTH ROGUES.
YES... I ALSO WANT ALLIES WHO HAVE THEIR OWN STRENGTH AND WILL,
SOMEONE WHO FIGHTS AGAINST THE ABBEY'S CONTROL, AND IS STUPID ENOUGH TO KEEP UP WITH AIFREAD'S STYLE...
BUT STILL, VELVET IS DOING QUITE A NICE JOB FIGHTING AGAINST THE WORLD ON HER OWN.
I WANT TO KNOW WHERE HER STRENGTH IS COMING FROM.
CLINK
HAHAHA! ARE YOU CALLING HER AN IDIOT?
VELVET WOULD BE MAD IF SHE HEARD YOU.
IT'S A COMPLIMENT. IDIOTS LIKE THAT ARE HARD TO FIND...

SHEPHERD ARTORIUS... BRINGIN' PEOPLE TOGETHER SO MAGNIFI-CENTLY...
...I WONDER, HOW MUCH CAN THIS YOUNG GIRL, OUR TRAGIC HEROINE, SCAR THIS CRUEL WORLD WITH HER FANGS?
THIS MAY BE A GOOD SHOW TO WATCH WHILE SEARCHIN' FOR THAT TRAITOR.

First task
~Zekson Port~
Destruction of Goods
THAT STORM DELAYED ME IMMENSELY...
I MUST REPORT TO ARTORIUS-SAMA...
WHA- THE STOREHOUSE IS...
IT'S JUST LIKE IN HELLAWES!
!!
!
IT'S YOU!
THE CRY-BABY ...!

YOU'RE DESTROYING PEOPLE'S GOODS AGAIN!!
GO! MALAK BIENFU!
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU THIS TIME!
WOOSH
NO! I CAN'T FIGHT AGAINST A MALAK NOW...!!
I WILL PROTECT ELEANOR-SAMA!
HERE I AM...
SQUEEK
IS THAT A MALAK ...?
SO CUTE...
Waa

FU FU FU...
I FINALLY FOUND YOU...
BIENFU, YOU TRAITOR!!
YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE FROM ME AGAIN!
THIS TERRIBLE VOICE... BIG SIS?!
KYAA!! WHA-
ALRIGHT, THAT'S OUR CUE! LET'S RUN!
HOWAH!
WA-
WAIT!!
I HAVE BUSINESS WITH HIM!!

Leeet meee gooo! You witchnappers!
STOP RIGHT NOW!
WAAH!!
Second task
~ Galles Lake Road ~
Search for the Missing Scholar
C-CAP-TAIN!!
HM?
GUH...
NO BREAKS! THE RED ORE WON'T DIG ITSELF OUT!

AAAA

THANK GOODNESS. I CAN FINALLY GO HOME! WHO ARE YOU?
THAT DOESN'T MATTER.
JUST REMEMBER US AS... A MAGIC TROUPE PASSING BY.
ALRIGHT!
THE FIRST TWO WERE EASY ENOUGH!
HM...
RED ORE...
INTER-ESTING THING THEY WERE DIGGING FOR.

MAGILOU.
HIS NAME'S BIENFU.
THE ONE WHO WOUNDED THIS YOUNG MAIDEN'S HEART. A NORMIN FULL OF HATEFULNESS AND DECEIVIN' CUTENESS!
YOU WERE LOOKING FOR THAT MALAK, WEREN'T YOU?
YUP.
WHA-WAIT!
So rude!
Take me with yall
SURE.
...SHOULD WE GO?
Ahh... What am I gonna do when I catch him...
I'll force him to massage me until his arms break
Or mayse complement me until he screams
Fufufu...

Third task
~Danann Highway~
Punishing Criminals
ugh...
uuugh...
STOP... RIGHT... THERE!
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WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
THIS NECTAR IS...
GUGHAA!

WELCOME BACK! IT WAS DIFFICULT, WASN'T IT?
WOULD YOU LIKE A PEACH PIE? OR MAYBE A MABO CURRY WOULD BE...
MABO CURRY!
HURRY UP AND GIVE US THE INFORMATION WE WANT.
WE FINISHED THE TASKS.

THE EMPYREAN'S THRONE...
TO THE NORTH OF THE DANANN HIGHWAY, THERE'S THE ABBEY'S NEWEST TEMPLE, THE EMPYREAN'S THRONE.
ARTORIUS WILL BE THERE WITH THE MELCHIOR AND OTHER HIGH ORDER EXORCISTS TO LEAD THE CEREMONY OF THE EMPYREAN INNOMINAT'S SHRINE RELOCATION.
SO I'LL FIND HIM IF I GO THERE?
HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE A BARRIER AROUND THE TEMPLE, WHICH WON'T ALLOW YOU TO ENTER ITS SURROUND-INGS.
THIS IS THE PRICE TO GET THE KEY WHICH GRANTS ACCESS TO IT...
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……

...
GOT IT.
DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW?
OH...
WHY WE WANT MELCHIOR, THE HIGH PRIEST OF THE MIDGAND CHURCH, ASSASSINATED?
!?
VELVET?!
THE RED BOXES WE BURNED AT THE ZEKSON PORT HAD THE SEAL OF THE MIDGAND CHURCH,
IS HE NOT THE CAUSE OF THE THREE TASKS WE HAD TO TAKE CARE OF?
THE SCHOLAR WE RELEASED WAS THE ONE WHO DISCOVERED HOW TO PROCESS THE RED ORE,
AND THEN, WHAT WAS INSIDE OF THE RED BOXES THOSE THUGS WERE AFTER... WAS NECTAR EXTRACTED FROM THE RED ORE...

THIS HIGHLY ADDICTIVE SUBSTANCE IS DISTRIBUTED UNDER THE NAME OF THE CHURCH, WHICH MONOPOLIZES ITS MANUFACTURE.
WHILE THEY MAKE HUGE PROFITS, THE ORDINARY FOLK, ALONG WITH YOUR PEOPLE, ARE HARMED BY IT... DID I HIT THE SPOT?
OOH, YOU UNDERSTOOD THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE THREE TASKS. SUPERB!
DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME. ALL I'M DOING IS SO I CAN GET TO ARTORIUS.
AND THAT'S IT...
.....
...LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF PROPERLY. I AM TABATHA BASKERVILLE.
IT IS BEST TO ENTER THE CHURCH AT NIGHTFALL.

JUST A LITTLE MORE...
UFF...
VELVET...

WHAT'S THE MATTER?
Gulp
BUT YOU'RE...
IT'S NOTHING...
I SAID IT'S NOTH-ING!!

IT'S TRUE THAT CAPTAIN AIFREAD WAS ONCE TAKEN TO THE PRISON ISLAND. IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT THE LEGATE MELCHIOR WAS THE ONE WHO TOOK HIM AWAY...
BUT... WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT.
I WONDER WHAT THE ABBEY WOULD WANT WITH HIM...
.....
WHO KNOWS...
THEY COULDN'T KNOW ABOUT THAT...

AT ANY RATE, WE'RE NOW CERTAIN THAT THE ABBEY HAS HIM.
PLEASE KEEP INFORMING ME AS YOU FIND OUT MORE.
CERTAINLY. BY THE WAY,
THAT GIRL... THERE'S A FIERCE DETERMINATION IN HER EYES...
HM.
JUST LIKE AIFREAD WHEN HE WAS YOUNG.
MAYBE ...

SHE REMINDS ME OF A SWORD...
THE BLOODWING BUTTERFLIES WILL KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON HER, TO SEE WHERE SHE ENDS UP GOING...
VELVET'S FIERCE DETERMINATION WILL PIERCE THE WORLD RULED BY THE ABBEY!
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